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First Things

CAPT Glen Crawford, MC, USN, Deputy Corps Chief

In this edition of the *News*, we welcome RDML Raquel Bono as the new Chief of the Navy Medical Corps! This was announced by VADM Nathan during the Surgeon General's Leadership Symposium which was held on 18 February.

Not everyone realizes that the responsibility of being the Corps Chief is essentially a collateral duty. Since he assumed the duties of the USPACOM Surgeon last July, RDML Chinn has deftly managed the affairs of the Medical Corps Chief's Office while serving as the principal medical advisor to the Commander, U.S. Pacific Command, all the while maintaining a busy travel schedule in support of our nation's strategic pivot towards the Pacific. It has truly been a pleasure for all of us in the Corps Chief's Office to work for and support RDML Chinn while he served as Chief of the Medical Corps, and we look forward to doing the same for RDML Bono in the weeks and months ahead.

Congratulations to those Medical Corps Officers selected for Commanding Officer or Executive Officer positions within Navy Medicine! The list was recently approved by the Surgeon General, and the names of those officers who will assume command, or the duties of Executive Officer, are published in this edition of the *News*. We wish all prospective COs and XOs the best as they move to their new assignments later this year.

In the last edition of the Medical Corps News, I neglected to include CAPT Kathryn Johnson, our Reserve Affairs Officer, on the listing of Corps Chief Office staffers. Mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa! My apologies to CAPT Johnson for this oversight. She is listed in this edition.

Please be sure to send me your Medical Corps photos, news, and accomplishments for inclusion in a future edition of the *News*.

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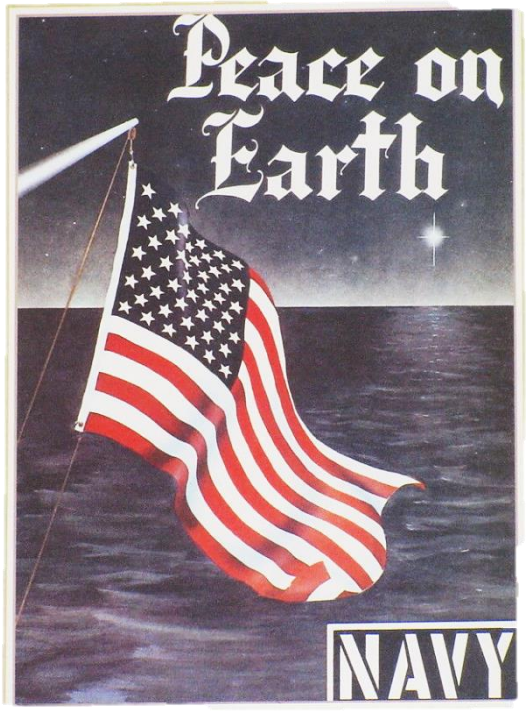

Navy recruiting poster, mid-1960s.

Farewell, RDML Chinn!

On 18 February, RDML Chinn turned over the responsibilities of Chief of the Navy Medical Corps to RDML Raquel Bono. RDML Chinn will continue to serve as the USPACOM Surgeon. The following is his final message to the Medical Corps as its Chief.

To all Medical Corps officers,

Today at the Surgeon General's Leadership VTC Symposium, VADM Nathan announced RDML Bono as my successor as your Medical Corps Chief. You are in great hands with RDML Bono. She will serve you well and will be a strong voice in representing the Medical Corps in the years ahead. I want to thank Admiral Nathan for his confidence in me to lead our great Corps over the past 27 months and the opportunity to serve in this very fulfilling position.

As a Corps, we have made tremendous progress in recruiting the highest quality young Americans to join us as students at the finest medical and osteopathic schools in our nation. LCDR Josephine Nguyen led that effort from the Corps Chief Office, but many of you contributed through your efforts at recruiting and interviewing prospective students and participating in HPSP selection boards. That quality has been reflected in our most recent intern and resident classes selected at the past 3 GMESB's. Our GME training programs remain the best in the nation with over 90 percent having attained full accreditation by the ACGME and our graduates achieve board certification rates in the high 90's. No other organization as large and diverse as ours can make those claims and we have done it during 12 years of war. BZ to our Med Center GME Directors, Program Directors, Specialty Leaders and teaching faculty for making this happen. Also, many thanks to CAPT Eli McGuigan and her team at NMPDC for steering the Navy GMESB into the 21st century. Under her leadership, we replaced reams of paper with iPads and we successfully executed the first virtual board this year.

Many of you have served or are currently serving with the Fleet and the Marine Corps at home and in challenging forward deployed locations around the globe. Your efforts at maintaining the health and wellness of our men and women who serve is well recognized by senior Navy leadership and you represent Navy Medicine's commitment to the CNO's directive to keep war fighting first, be ready and forward deployed. Through the GMESB we have ensured that the FS, UMO and RAM pipelines are filled and as you advance through your Navy career, we continue to encourage career diversity through a balance of MTF and operational leadership tours. Likewise, during my tours at OPNAV and PACOM I have learned of the exceptional work of Medical Corps officers in the research community at our overseas and CONUS based research labs. You have made great strides in malaria vaccine research, emerging infectious disease surveillance, regenerative medicine and undersea medicine to name just a few.

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Despite these successes, we have several challenges to face in the years ahead: how do we adjust to the drawdown of the war, the new fiscal realities and the establishment of the DHA? The SG has us on the right path to meet these challenges and has positioned Navy Medicine on the winning side of each of these complex issues. Likewise, we will have to tackle the GMO conversion question. 17 states now require 2 years of post-graduate training for medical licensure and more specialties are requiring categorical internships which will limit the rotation flexibility during the intern year that currently has allowed us to prepare interns for future GMO, FS or UMO tours. To meet this challenge head on, we contracted with the Center for Naval Analysis to help us devise a strategy to convert our GMO positions and we await their final report to present to the SG. This will not be easy and it will take years to execute as questions about billets, specialties, career paths and promotion opportunity still need to be answered.

Finally, I must acknowledge and thank the outstanding support that I received from all of the Specialty Leaders and the Chief of the Medical Corps Office: LCDR Josephine Nguyen, CAPT Kathy Johnson, CAPT Walt Greenhalgh, CAPT Jim Chun and 2 phenomenal Deputies, CAPT Joel Roos and CAPT Duke Crawford. These outstanding and dedicated officers have been strong advocates for your interests and have served you well.

Best Wishes for continued success!

RDML Chinn

RDML Bono Addresses the Medical Corps

I'm delighted and honored to be your 11th Medical Corps Chief! Following in ADM Chinn's footsteps and the Corps Chiefs before me, will be challenging but rewarding in so many ways. We have evolving opportunities ahead of us as changes are coming to the MHS and Navy Medicine. Many of you are already very much a part of those initiatives and changes. As we continue to move forward on the SG's priorities of Readiness, Value and Jointness, I look forward to working with each of you to fully exploit the talents we have in the Medical Corps and the Navy Medical Department.

Please let me know how I can best support you. I will be reaching out to you in the very near future for your ideas and to be able to share information with your communities. Thank you and looking forward to working with all of you.

Best,
RDML Bono

Welcome Aboard, RDML Bono!

During the SG's Leadership Symposium on 18 February, VADM Nathan announced that RDML Raquel Bono is the 11th Chief of the Navy Medical Corps.

Commissioned in June 1979, Rear Admiral Bono obtained her baccalaureate degree from the University of Texas at Austin and attended medical school at Texas Tech University. She completed a surgical internship and a General Surgery residency at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, and a Trauma and Critical Care fellowship at the Eastern Virginia Graduate School of Medicine in Norfolk, Va.

Shortly after training, Adm. Bono saw duty in Operations *Desert Shield* and *Desert Storm* as head, Casualty Receiving, Fleet Hospital Five in Saudi Arabia from August 1990 to March 1991. Upon returning, she was stationed at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth as a surgeon in the General Surgery department; surgical intensivist in the Medical/Surgical Intensive Care Unit, and attending surgeon at the Burn Trauma Unit at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital. Her various appointed duties included division head of Trauma; head of the Ambulatory Procedures Department (APD); chair of the Laboratory Animal Care and Use Committee; assistant head of the Clinical Investigations and Research department; chair of the Medical Records Committee, and command intern coordinator. She has also served as the specialty leader for Intern Matters to the Surgeon General of the Navy.

In September 1999, she was assigned as the director of Restorative Care at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., followed by assignment to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery from September 2001 to December 2002 as the medical corps career planning officer for the Chief of the Medical Corps. She returned to the National Naval Medical Center in January 2003 as director for Medical-Surgical Services.

From August 2004 through August 2005, she served as the executive assistant to the 35th Navy Surgeon General and Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. Following that, she reported to Naval Hospital Jacksonville, Fla., as the commanding officer from August 2005 to August 2008. She then served as the chief of staff, deputy director Tricare Management Activity (TMA) of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Health Affairs (OASD(HA)) from September 2008 to June 2010. She later served as deputy director, Medical Resources, Plans and Policy (N093), Chief of Naval Operations. From November 2011 to June 2013, she served as the command surgeon, U.S. Pacific Command, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii. Her current position is Acting Commander Joint Task Force National Capital Region Medical. On October 1, 2013, Adm. Bono transitioned to the position of Director, National Capital Region Medical Directorate of the Defense Health Agency.

In addition to being a diplomat of the American Board of Surgery, Adm. Bono is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a member of the Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma. Her personal decorations include Defense Superior Service Medal (two), Legion of Merit Medal (four awards), Meritorious Service Medal (two), and the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation medal (two).

BUMED Welcomes the New Deputy Surgeon General

Rear Admiral Faison assumed the duties of Deputy Surgeon General of the Navy and Deputy Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery on January 2nd, 2014. A native of Norfolk, Va., RADM Faison received his Bachelor's degree in Chemistry from Wake Forest University and his medical degree from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. He completed post-graduate training in General Pediatrics at Naval Hospital San Diego and fellowship training in Neurodevelopmental Pediatrics at the University of Washington. He is board certified in Pediatrics and has several publications on neurodevelopmental outcomes of premature infants. He is a senior member of the American College of Physician Executives.

Prior to reporting to his most current assignment, RADM Faison served as Commander, Navy Medicine West and Naval Medical Center San Diego where he was responsible for medical care and support to over 850,000 eligible beneficiaries by a staff of 16,000 at ten hospitals and over thirty clinics from the West Coast to the Indian Ocean. He coordinated the Navy Medicine support response to Operation Tomadachi. From 2009-2010, RADM Faison served as Deputy Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, for Current and Future Healthcare Operation where he was responsible for policy and coordination of Navy Medicine healthcare facilities and operations worldwide as well as coordination of medical support activities to Navy and Marine Corps operational forces. In 2007, RADM Faison assumed command as commanding officer of Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton where he provided seamless disaster response and medical support during two Southern California wildfire disasters.

In 2006, RADM Faison assumed command of U.S. Medical Task Force - Kuwait and the duties of commanding officer, U.S. Expeditionary Medical Facility - Kuwait where he led a staff in excess of 350 and was responsible for all DoD healthcare delivery throughout Kuwait and Qatar. Before his tour of duty in Kuwait, RADM Faison was deputy commander, Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, leading a staff of 6000 with a budget in excess of $400 million. Before that assignment, he was the chief information officer for Navy Medicine and clinical executive assistant on the personal staff of the Navy surgeon general.

Other previous assignment include: group surgeon, 3d Force Service Support Group, Fleet Marine Forces, Pacific and the Optimization champion for III Marine Expeditionary Force; Director of DoD Telemedicine and Director, Navy Medicine Technology Integration Support Office, Washington D.C.; U.S. Naval Hospital, Yokosuka, Japan; Naval Hospital Lemoore, California; USS *Texas* (CGN 39); and group medical officer, Amphibious Group Three.

RADM Faison's personal awards include the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (5 awards); Meritorious Service Medal (3 awards); Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal and numerous unit and other awards.

Congratulations, Admiral Iverson!

On 2 December 2013 in the Surgeon General's conference room aboard BUMED, CAPT Ken Iverson, the Medical Corps' newest Flag Officer, was promoted to Rear Admiral (Lower Half) by VADM Nathan.

VADM Nathan (right) administers the Oath of Commission to RDML Iverson. (BUMED PAO photo)

In a brief but dignified ceremony attended by friends, family, and Shipmates of RDML Iverson, the Surgeon General administered the Oath of Commission. Immediately following the Oath, RDML Iverson's wife, Karen, removed the O-6 rank insignia from the collar of his khaki uniform and replaced it with the single star of a rear admiral (lower half).

RDML Iverson thanked his family for the support they had given him throughout his career, and recognized many of his Shipmates present at the ceremony with whom he had served in previous assignments.

RDML Iverson is a native of Longview Texas, and received a Bachelor of Science in biology from the University of Minnesota, a Master of Divinity from Central Baptist Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Minnesota. After completing his family medicine residency at NH Pensacola, he was assigned to NBC La Maddalena, Italy. Subsequent assignments were to NH Orlando and then USNH Rota, Spain, where he led the regional Space Shuttle Support Team.

After his tour in Spain, RDML Iverson returned to NH Pensacola and served as the Director of Residency Training for five years. In 2002, he returned to Italy, this time to USNH Sigonella, where he served as the Director of Clinical Services and the Chair of ECOMS. After his tour in Sigonella, RDML Iverson attended the Naval War College, during which time he received a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies.

RDML Iverson then reported to Navy Personnel Command in Millington, TN, where he was the senior Medical Corps detailer. After a successful tour as the Executive Officer of NH Bremerton, RDML Iverson was the Commanding Officer of EMF Kuwait. From 2011-2013, he was the Commanding Officer of NH Camp Pendleton, during which time he was selected for Flag rank.

RDML Iverson reported aboard BUMED in September 2013, and currently serves as the Deputy Chief, Education and Training (M7), BUMED. RDML Iverson's personal awards include the Legion of Merit (2 awards), the Meritorious Service Medal (4 awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

RDML and Mrs. Iverson (BUMED PAO photo)

The Corps Chief's Office Welcomes CAPT(s) Thier!

The Medical Corps Chief's Office is pleased to welcome CDR Thier as the newest member of our team as he assumes the role of Director for Plans and Policy.

Commander Gregory Thier was born in Naval Hospital Charleston, South Carolina and moved around the country many times as the son of a Navy Senior Chief submariner. He graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in Biology/Pre-Med in 1992. He entered active duty in June 1992 and matriculated at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) in Bethesda, Maryland.

After being awarded the M.D. degree in 1996, he transferred to Naval Hospital Jacksonville for an Internship in Family Medicine. After finishing his Internship, he was accepted to Flight Surgery training in Pensacola, Florida. Upon graduating from Flight Surgery training, he transferred to Carrier Air Wing-2 at Naval Air Station Lemoore, California for duty as Senior Flight Surgeon in the Air Wing, primarily medically supporting 3 squadrons while in port and several others while out to sea. He enjoyed his Western Pacific deployment on board the USS Constellation (CV-64). In 2000, he transferred to Naval Hospital Bremerton to finish his training in Family Medicine. His first utilization tour as a board certified Family Practice physician was at Naval Hospital Guam where he was the Department Head of the Navy's largest overseas Family Practice clinic. In June of 2003 he was transferred to Naval Branch Health Clinic, NSA Mid-South in Millington, Tennessee. While there, he functioned as Senior Medical Officer, Department Head of Primary Care, and was and the lone Family Physician. In July 2006, he was assigned to USNH Rota, Spain. He served in Rota as the Director of Public Health and the Public Health Emergency Officer for the base. During this tour, he deployed to Kuwait and subsequently to Qatar in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom as part of the Expeditionary Medical Facility Kuwait. After three years, he transferred to Naval Hospital Beaufort, South Carolina, where he currently serves as the Director of Medical Services and Interim Director of Mental Health. He took the opportunity to deploy to the Expeditionary Medical Facility Djibouti on the Horn of Africa supporting troops who were engaged in anti-terrorism as well as pirate interdiction.

His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (3), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2), and several campaign medals and unit awards. He and his wife, Jill, have two children, Julian (17) and Ariel (10).

Commander Thier will be telecommuting to BUMED until he executes his PCS move to Falls Church in the spring. In the meantime, he will represent the Corps Chiefs office on several important BUMED committees and initiatives. Welcome aboard, Commander Thier!

Update from PERS-4415

As we are well into the detailing season, the Medical Corps detailers would like to pass along information on the current practices related to Permanent Change of Station (PCS) moves in light of the current fiscal constraints.

1. Time on station (TOS) requirements: Officers should expect to complete their full-prescribed tour length before being able to PCS, or before applying for a position outside their geographic location. There are some waivers, which allow one to PCS earlier than their PRD, such as going to an operational or OCONUS tour, co-location reason, or education/training. However, in general Officers should expect to complete their full tour before a PCS move.

2. OCONUS to OCONUS moves: OCONUS to OCONUS moves are considered high cost moves and are closely scrutinized; approval of high cost moves is now the exception. For detailing purposes, Hawaii is considered an OCONUS location.

3. PRD extensions: PERS-4415 will not approve PRD extensions greater than 12 months except for extenuating circumstances. Examples of extenuating circumstances include: Exceptional Family Member Program, co-location, solo required specialist.

4. Age waivers and retired-retained packages: These waivers are generally considered for truly clinical billets only. Requests should be submitted 9-12 months prior to the retirement date.

Any questions on the above can be answered by your detailer.

New Medical Corps Specialty Leaders

Since the last edition of the *News* appeared in October, a handful of specialty leader positions have turned over. At the Graduate Medical Education Selection Board in December, RDML Chinn recognized those specialty leaders who had turned over in the preceding months, as well as those who would be relinquishing the responsibilities of specialty leader in early 2014, by presenting each officer with a coin. Here are the most recent Active and Reserve Medical Corps specialty leader transitions:

General Surgery
CAPT Craig Shepps relieved CAPT John DeNobile

Neurology
CAPT Michael Wagner relieved CAPT Will Watson

Occupational Medicine (Reserve)
CAPT Michael Montopoli relieved CAPT John Williams

Preventive Medicine (Reserve)
CDR Sandra Bierling

Medical Corps Coins

Navy Medical Corps coins are available for $6 each, plus postage. Due to high demand, purchases are limited to 10 coins. Please send purchase requests to CAPT Jim Chun, Medical Corps Career Planner, at james.chun@med.navy.mil. Allow 10-14 days for delivery.

Congratulations Medical Corps Officers Slated for CO/XO!

On 10 January, the Surgeon General approved the recommendations of the Council of Corps Chiefs for the assignment of Commanding Officers and Executive Officers across Navy Medicine. The following are those Medical Corps officers selected to fill Executive Medicine assignments. The full list can be viewed on the Executive Medicine webpage on Navy Knowledge Online. Please join the Surgeon General and Chief of the Medical Corps in congratulating these officers!

COMMANDING OFFICERS

CAPT Robert Buckley, MC, USN is the PCO of Federal Health Care Center Great Lakes. CAPT Buckley is currently serving as the C5F/NAVCENT Surgeon.

CAPT Glen (Duke) Crawford, MC, USN, is the PCO of USNH Yokosuka, Japan. CAPT Crawford is currently serving as the Deputy Chief of the Medical Corps at BUMED.

CAPT Scott Findley, MC, USN, is the PCO of Naval Health Clinic Hawaii. CAPT Findley is currently serving as the Deputy Commander, Tripler Army Medical Center, Honolulu.

CAPT John Gilstad, MC, USN is the PCO of Navy Medical Research Unit (NAMRU) THREE, Cairo, Egypt. CAPT Gilstad is currently the XO of NAMRU-2, Honolulu.

CAPT Paul Kane, MC, USN, is the PCO of Navy Medicine Operational Training Center (NMOTC), Pensacola. CAPT Kane is currently the COMNAVAIRLANT Surgeon.

CAPT Fred McDonald, MC, USN is the PCO of NH Oak Harbor (WA). CAPT McDonald is currently the XO of NHC Patuxent River (MD).

CAPT Melanie Merrick, MC, USN is the PCO of USNS MERCY (T-AH-19). CAPT Merrick is currently serving as the XO of NH Beaufort (SC).

CAPT Barth Merrill, MC, USN, is the PCO of USNH Naples, Italy. CAPT Merrill is currently the CO of the NATO Role III Multinational Medical Unit (MMU), Kandahar, Afghanistan.

In addition, the following Medical Corps Officers were extended in command for one year: CAPT Maureen Padden (NH Pensacola), CAPT Jay Sourbeer (NH Twentynine Palms), CAPT John Sanders (Naval Medical Research Center), and CAPT Steven Wechsler (Naval Submarine Medical Research Laboratory)

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

CAPT Robert Alonso, MC, USN is the Prospective Executive Officer (PXO) of NHC Quantico. CAPT Alonso is currently the Deputy Medical Officer of the Marine Corps.

CAPT Steve Blivin, MC, USN is the PXO of NHC Corpus Christi. CAPT Blivin is currently the II MEF Surgeon, Camp Lejeune, NC.

CAPT Miguel Cubano, MC, USN is the PXO of the USNS COMFORT (T-AH-20. CAPT Cubano is currently the Medical Director of Tricare Area Office-Pacific.

CAPT Christine Dorr, MC, USN, is the PXO of NH Jacksonville. CAPT Dorr is currently serving as the C4F/NAVSO Surgeon.

Congratulations MC Officers Slated for CO/XO! *continued*

CAPT Mark Goto, MC, USN, is the PXO of NAMRU San Antonio. CAPT Goto is currently the Director for Surgical Services at NH Pensacola.

CAPT Rees Lee, MC, USN, is the PXO of NAMRU Dayton. CAPT Lee is currently serving as the acting XO of USNS COMFORT (T-AH-20).

CAPT Rosemary Malone, MC, USN, is the PXO of NHC Charleston. CAPT Malone is currently attending National Defense University.

CAPT Peter Roberts, MC, USN, is the prospective Deputy Commander for Clinical Services of Tripler Army Medical Center (HI). CAPT Roberts is the CTF-80 Surgeon at U.S. Fleet Forces Command.

CAPT Bradford Smith, MC, USN, is the prospective Deputy Commander of Naval Medical Center Portsmouth. CAPT Smith is currently the Assistant Deputy Chief, Futures and Innovation (M5), BUMED.

CAPT Todd Wagner, MC, USN, is the PXO of USNH Rota, Spain. CAPT Wagner is currently serving as the Director for Public Health at NH Camp Pendleton.

CAPT James Young, MC, USN, is the PXO of NH Lemoore (CA). CAPT Young is currently serving as the Director of Branch Clinics/Deployment Health at NHC Quantico.

In addition, CAPT Fred Yeo, MC, USN, was extended for one year as the XO of the Naval Submarine Medical Research Laboratory.

2014 Navy Medical Corps Ball March 8th, 2014

On March 3rd, 2014, the Navy Medical Corps celebrates its 143rd anniversary. On the 8th of March, the 2014 Navy Medical Corps Ball will be held in the Crystal Ballroom of the Hyatt Regency in Bethesda, Maryland. CDR John Bassett, the 2014 Medical Corps Ball Committee Chair, and his team, are planning a gala evening of dinner and dancing. The Keynote Speaker will be **General John M. Paxton, Jr.**, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps.

In recent years, the Navy Medical Corps Birthday Ball has been a very well-attended event, so be sure to get your tickets early! The location of this year's Ball is the Hyatt Regency, at 1 Bethesda Metro Center in Bethesda, Maryland. For those attending from out of town, or who wish to enjoy the evening without having to drive home immediately afterwards, discounted rooms are available.

The cost for individual tickets is as follows:

O-3 and below (and guests)	$80
O-4 and above (and guests)	$100
Civilians	$100
USUHS Students	$75
Sponsor MIDN/Cadet	$70
Full Table	$900

Tickets may be purchased online at:
https://sites.google.com/site/2014medicalcorpsball/

For more information, please e-mail your questions to 2014mcbb@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you there!

March 8th, 2014

2013 HPSP Selection Boards

The 2013 HPSP Scholarship Selection Boards were again a great success this past year. The average MCAT score and GPA of scholarship awardees continue to show a notably upward trend for FY13. The selection boards, held throughout the year at the Medical Centers, are critical to the success and transparency of the process. Thanks to all of those who participated in 2013!

NMCSD
CAPT Frank Bishop
CAPT Eileen Hoke
CAPT Eric Hofmeister
CAPT Christine Johnson
CAPT John King
CAPT James Lamar
CAPT Todd Wagner
CDR Lynelle Boamah
CDR Maureen Farrell
CDR Anthony Keller
CDR Bryan Propes
CDR Harvey Wilds
LCDR Jason Canos
LCDR Alden Chiu
LCDR Charles Egan
LCDR Kendall Egan
LCDR Ryan Fan
LCDR Amy Flischel
LCDR David Foster
LCDR Cory Gaconnet
LCDR Jessica Lee
LCDR David Paz
LCDR Scott Wallace
LCDR John Whaley
LT Suezie Kim
LT Kyle Miller
Ms. Alexandra Littleton
Mr. Michael Fischer
Ms. Michelle Valdez

WRBETH
CAPT James Chun
CAPT Walter Greenhalgh
CAPT David Mclean
CAPT Pierre Pelletier
CDR Jill Emerick
CDR Marlene Sanchez
CDR Sam Wanko
LCDR Kenric Aban
LCDR Shannon Blackmer
LCDR Eric Deussing
LCDR Travis Harrell
LCDR Brad Hickey
LCDR Satyen Gada
LCDR Frank Gould
LCDR Erin Griffith
LCDR Kerry Hudson
LCDR Charles Ko
LCDR Asheesh Kumar
LCDR Robert Liotta
LCDR Jason Schroeder
LCDR Peter Seguin
LCDR James Solomon
LT Taylor Banks
LT Gregory Dadekian
LT Jamey Eklund
LT Thomas Thomas
Irrine Buenviaje

NMCP
CAPT Eric Gessler
CAPT Pablo Pizzaro
CAPT Timothy Porea
CAPT Bruce Taylor
CDR Roderick Borgie
CDR Jennifer Espiritu
CDR Christin Foster
CDR Christina Gondusky
CDR Chris Kuzniewski
CDR Joseph Sposato
CDR Sally Tamayo
LCDR Coleman Bryan
LCDR Erin Duffy
LCDR Merle Martin
LCDR Thuy Tin
LT Mary Clingan
LT Rozalyn Love
Mary (“Janie”) Slade
Doris Safran

CNRC
CDR Brent Phillips
Chief Rosario Esquivel
LT Brandi Epperson
Mr. Gary Morse
Ms. Judy Birmingham

vJSGMESB

CAPT Eli McGuigan, MC, USN
Director, Navy GME

"Necessity is the mother of invention" – Plato *The Republic*

This aphorism certainly applies to the 2013 virtual Joint Service Graduate Medical Education Selection Board (JSGMESB). A year ago, the constraints of the current fiscal environment touched GME in a pretty personal way when the 2012 Selection Board was almost not held. Clearly, the environment had changed radically and we had to change with it.

The Navy Graduate Medical Education team put together a strategic plan for a virtual selection board in the event funding would not be approved for the JSGMESB. In early 2013, we were suddenly faced with sequestration and had to move forward with our virtual selection board plan. Navy proposed the plan to Air Force and Army and after receiving their General Officers' approval assumed the duties as host and led the Joint effort with a 5-month window for execution and no room for error.

The Navy Specialty Leaders and Program Directors were key to the success of the project. They reviewed 899 applications, helped immensely with beta testing, provided real-time feedback for improvements and volunteered to be guinea pigs for "mock week" when the system was undergoing testing prior to going live for all communities across the three services.

The central GME Offices for all three services found multiple opportunities for increased "jointness" in the new platform and post-board, our Army and Air Force colleagues said this was the most integrated and joint board they had ever participated in and look forward to future joint collaboration on GME issues other than the JSGMESB.

Historically, the JSGMESB has a six figure total bill across DOD. The figure includes facility and travel expenses. Using Navy's virtual selection board plan we expect significant travel savings across the services and a Navy travel cost under $90,000.

As VADM Nathan stated while addressing the Specialty Leaders before the Board, "Graduate Medical Education is the life blood of Navy Medicine." Navy will host the JGMESB again in 2014.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE NAVY MEDICAL CORPS

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Deputy Chief of the Medical Corps

Office of the Chief of the Medical Corps (M00C1)
Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED), Falls Church, VA

The Chief of the Medical Corps is seeking an O-6 (or select) Medical Corps officer, interested in helping to lead the Medical Corps at an enterprise level in support of the Surgeon-General's priorities of Readiness, Value, and Jointness, to fill the position of Deputy Chief of the Medical Corps, a key staff position within the Office of the Chief of the Medical Corps and BUMED.

Description: The Deputy Chief of the Medical Corps directs four officers (Career Planner, Director for Plans and Policy, HPSP Recruiting, and Reserve Affairs) and supports the Chief of the Medical Corps in addressing the career progression, policy issues, medical education, and nominative assignment of over 4,200 active and reserve Medical Corps officers. Ensures effective representation of the Medical Corps' interests on several BUMED policy committees and working groups. Provides guidance to 45 Medical Corps specialty leaders in the management of their clinical communities. Assists the Chief of the Medical Corps in the screening and assignment of Medical Corps officers to executive medicine and other senior-level Tri-Service and nominative positions. Serves on the Medical Education Policy Council, the Graduate Medical Education Selection Board, and the Physician Case Review Panel. Reviews Medical Corps requests to SECNAV to attend Continuing Medical Education conferences.

Qualifications: The ideal candidate will possess strong communication skills, a knowledge of the business and policy aspects of Navy Medicine, and will have performed successfully in leadership positions in Navy Medicine. As the Deputy Chief frequently meets with Flag/General officers and senior civilians, confident public speaking skills and outstanding military bearing are a must. Experience in operational assignments and/or graduate medical education is desirable.

Candidates should be eligible to PCS to the National Capital Region in the late spring of 2014. Interested applicants should submit a Letter of Intent, updated CV and biography, and OSR/PSR not later than **1 March 2014.** The point of contact for questions and to submit applications is CAPT Glen C. Crawford, MC, USN, telephone (703) 681-8917, e-mail glen.crawford@med.navy.mil.

More News You Can Use

BRAVO ZULU!

"Naval Medical Center Portsmouth Orthopedic graduating chiefs all passed step I of the ABOS boards. We had similar results with our graduates who have taken part II. This gives NMCP 17 years of 100% passing Part I and 19 years of 100% Part II. This is best in the country for any orthopedic residency," according to CDR Luke Balsamo, Residency Director at NMCP. Congratulations to CDR Balsamo and the entire orthopedics department at NMC Portsmouth for this accomplishment!

HELP WANTED

Two important positions are coming open this summer and we are looking for the right officers to serve in these roles.

CAPT Nancy Delaney is currently the **Senior Medical Corps Detailer (PERS-4415R)** at Navy Personnel Command, Millington, TN, and will be leaving the position this summer. Detailers are responsible for the assignment and career progression of their constituents, and the senior Medical Corps detailer serves as the lead Medical Corps detailer at BuPers as well as detailing the surgical specialties as well as senior operational, post-command, and senior staff officers in Navy Medicine. Detailing tours are typically for two years. The ideal candidate for this position is an O-6 with a broad experience of Navy Medicine, e.g. OCONUS, MTF, and operational assignments. Patience, an even temperament, and an interest in mentoring are other desirable qualities. Officers interested in ultimately pursuing a career in Navy Executive Medicine often find the experience of detailing to be very useful. Interested candidates should be high performers who have not failed the PFA within the last four cycles. For more information, contact CAPT Delaney at (901) 874-4094 or at nancy.r.delaney@navy.mil.

BUMED (M3) Clinical Programs is looking for an O-4 to O-6 medical officer interested in contributing to clinical operations in Navy Medicine. Job opportunities include leadership in running clinical optimization and standardization working groups, developing and implementing policy, and contributing specialized medical perspective to craft strategy that meets both the current and the future needs of our beneficiaries. Officers interested in this position should be available to PCS this summer. For further information, please contact CDR Kristie Robson at (703) 681-9171, or at Kristie.Robson@med.navy.mil.

SELECTION BOARDS

Selection Board season is in full swing, with the O-6 Staff board having adjourned a couple of weeks ago, and we should expect to see those results later in the spring. The O-5 and O-4 boards will convene 25 March and 13 May, respectively. If you are going to be considered at one of these boards, especially if this will be an in-zone or above-zone look, it is critical that you not wait until the last minute to review your record to ensure that it is complete. Everything you ever wanted to know about how to update your record, from awards to degrees to fitness reports can be found in the Officer Record Management Brief, which was just updated this month on the NPC website. Go to: http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/officer/Documents/Officer%20Record_Management_Brief_(Updated_Feb14).pdf

If you are a failure of selection (FOS) for your first in-zone look, it is strongly recommended that you contact your detailer to request failure of selection counseling. While the detailer won't know for sure why you were not selected, he or she can review your record with you to try and identify what may have contributed to the FOS, as well as advise you on steps you might take to prepare for the following year's selection board.

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